

Agency: Office of the Code Reviser

Title of rule and other identifying information: (Describe Subject) Amending WAC 1-06-070 Office hours and 1-21-160 Filing after office hours.

## NOTICE

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**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:** Amending WAC 1-06-070 and 1-21-160 to reflect new office hours for reviewing public records and for the filing of agency rule-making notices and orders.

**Reasons supporting proposal:** SB 6104 is expected to pass during the 2009 legislative session. This legislation amends RCW 42.04.060 and 42.56.090, lowering office hours to forty hours per week for the transaction of business and thirty hours per week for public records inspection. Our office has routinely had office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We are considering changing our hours for inspection of public records to 8:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the hours for filing of rule-making notices and orders from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This will allow our office to process any requests and/or filings without having to stay after hours. We feel that this should not cause a tremendous burden on agencies because they have the option of using the electronic filing system.

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 1.08.110 and 34.05.385	Statute being implemented: RCW 1.08.110 and 34.05.385	
Is rule necessary because of a:   Yes   No     Federal Law?   Yes   No     Federal Court Decision?   Yes   No     State Court Decision?   Yes   No     If yes, CITATION:   Yes   No	CODE REVISER USE ONLY OFFICE OF THE CODE REVISER STATE OF WASHINGTON FILED	
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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 06-16-019, filed 7/24/06, effective 8/24/06)

WAC 1-06-070 Office hours. Public records shall be available for inspection and copying during the customary office hours of the agency. For the purposes of this chapter, the customary office hours shall be from 8:00 a.m. to noon and from 1:00 p.m. to ((4:30)) <u>4:00</u> p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 06-22-040, filed 10/26/06, effective 11/26/06)

**WAC 1-21-160 Filing after office hours.** The office of the code reviser is open for the filing of agency rule-making notices and orders from 8:00 a.m. to ((5:00)) <u>4:00</u> p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

An electronic filing system is available to all state agencies seven days a week, twenty-four hours per day. Each state agency must submit a registration letter before using this system.

The office of the code reviser delegates to the Washington state patrol the authority to accept at other times the filing of orders adopting, amending, or repealing rules when the nature of the order requires their immediate filing and/or effectiveness. To use this service, the agency may telephone the Washington state patrol communications center at 360-586-1999. When your call is answered, request a zone 4 trooper and arrange for receipt of the filing(s). The agency shall give the original and three copies of each filing to the trooper. The trooper shall mark each copy with the trooper's name, badge number, date, and time and arrange for all of the copies to be delivered to the office of the code reviser as early as possible on the next business day. The agency filing the rules with the state patrol shall notify the office of the code reviser of the filing by 9:00 a.m. on the next business day after filing and arrange to receive the stamped copies.